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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN ARGENTINE ATHLETIC GAMES.

1. MISSION ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO OBTAIN PARTICIPATION US ATHLETES IN ARGENTINE ATHLETIC CONFEDERATION SPONSORED BY BARON PIERRE DE COUBERTAIN GAMES ON OCTOBER 26, 27 AND 28 IN CONMEMORATION 50 TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARGENTINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. AAU (LT. COL. JESSE LISCOMBE)

HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SENDING AAU ATHLETES, BUT STATED AAU POLICY IS THAT SPONSOR COVER ALL EXPENSES. LOCAL ORGANI-

ZATION COVERING ALL LOCAL EXPENSES AND HAS INFORMED EMBASSY IT CAN POSSIBLY FINANCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ONE PARTICIPANT. MISSION HAS BEEN

REQUESTED BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ASSIST WITH

ASSEMBLY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES THREE OR FOUR OTHERS.

2. MISSION HAS NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ARGENTINE-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMED US THAT US BUSINESS FIRMS IN ARGENTINA ARE NOT DISPOSED AT THIS TIME TO SPONSOR

SUCH EVENTS. CT BELIEVES US PARTICIPATION TO BE IN US NATIONAL INTEREST,

THEREFORE REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASCERTAIN WHETHER FUNDING CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH DEPARTMENT RESOURCES OR THROUGH AAU OR UNIVERSITIES. ACTION REQUESTED. INFORM EMBASSY SOONEST IF FINANCING ASSEMBLY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CAN BE OBTAINED AS REQUESTED.

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